

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing an image of software installed on a computer system, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) deconstructing the image into at least one portion; ~~and~~
- (b) creating at least one module from the at least one portion of the image; and
- (c) formatting the at least one module for use in a new image or at least a portion of a new image.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the deconstructing step (a) further comprises the steps of:

- (a2) scanning the image; and
- (a3) identifying at least one portion of the image to be modularized

3. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the identifying step (a3) comprises the steps of

- (a3ii) providing a list of portions of the image to be modularized; and
- (a3iii) selecting at least one portion of the image to be modularized.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the at least one portion of the image represents at least one software program.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein the at least one software program is hardware independent.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the at least one portion of the image represents a plurality of software programs.
7. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein the plurality of software programs comprises a combination of hardware-independent and hardware-dependent software programs.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the at least one portion of the image comprises one or more of an operating system, a set of drivers, and application software.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the creating step (b) further comprises the steps of:
 - (b2) extracting the at least one portion of the image; and
 - (b3) generating at least one module from the extracted portion of the image.
10. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein the extracted portion of the image comprises uninstall scripts.
11. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the generating step (b3) comprises the steps of:

(b3ii) scanning the uninstall scripts; and

(b3iii) generating install scripts from the uninstall scripts.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein the generating step (b3iii) comprises the steps of:

(b3iiiA) reversing the order of the uninstall scripts;

(b3iiiB) determining uninstall scripts from the uninstall scripts; and

(b3iiiC) configuring a portion of the install scripts.

13. Canceled

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~13~~ 1 wherein the software program is hardware-independent application software.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the hardware-independent application software is a hardware-independent imaging tool.

16. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the module is hardware independent.

17. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the creating step (b) further comprises the step of (b2) creating a plurality of modules from the at least one portion of the image.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein the plurality of modules comprises a

combination of hardware-independent and hardware-dependent modules.

19. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium including a computer program for providing an image of software installed on a computer system, comprising instructions for: ~~program instructions for providing an image of software installed on a computer system, comprising the program instructions for:~~

- (a) deconstructing the image into at least one portion; ~~and~~
- (b) creating at least one module from the at least one portion of the image; and
- (c) formatting the at least one module for use in a new image or at least a portion of a new image.

20. (Original) The medium of claim 19 wherein the deconstructing instruction (a) further comprises the instructions of:

- (a2) scanning the image; and
- (a3) identifying at least one portion of the image to be modularized.

21. (Original) The medium of claim 20 wherein the identifying instruction (a3) comprises the instructions of

- (a3ii) providing a list of portions of the image to be modularized; and
- (a3iii) selecting at least one portion of the image to be modularized.

22. (Original) The medium of claim 19 wherein the at least one portion of the image represents at least one software program.

23. (Original) The medium of claim 22 wherein the at least one software program is hardware independent.
24. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ medium of claim 19 wherein the at least one portion of the image represents a plurality of software programs.
25. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ medium of claim 24 wherein the plurality of software programs comprises a combination of hardware-independent and hardware-dependent software programs.
26. (Original) The medium of claim 19 wherein the at least one portion of the image comprises one or more of an operating system, a set of drivers, and application software.
27. (Original) The medium of claim 19 wherein the creating instruction (b) further comprises the instructions of:
- (b2) extracting the at least one portion of the image; and
 - (b3) generating at least one module from the extracted portion of the image.
- 28 (Original) The medium of claim 27 wherein the extracted portion of the image comprises uninstall scripts.
- 29 (Original) The medium of claim 28 wherein the generating instruction (b3) comprises the instructions of:

(b3ii) scanning the uninstall scripts: and

(b3iii) generating install scripts from the uninstall scripts.

30. (Original) The medium of claim 29 wherein the generating instruction (b3iii) comprises the instructions of:

(b3iiiA) reversing the order of the uninstall scripts;

(b3iiiB) determining install scripts from the uninstall scripts; and

(b3iiiC) configuring a portion of the install scripts.

31. Canceled

32. (Currently Amended) The medium of claim ~~31~~ 19 wherein the software program is a hardware-independent application software.

33. (Original) The medium of claim 32 wherein the hardware-independent application software is a hardware-independent imaging tool.

34. (Original) The medium of claim 19 wherein the module is hardware independent.

35. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ medium of claim 19 wherein the creating instruction (b) further

comprises the instruction of (b2) creating a plurality of modules from the at least one portion of the image.

36. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ medium of claim 35 wherein the plurality of modules comprises a combination of hardware-independent and hardware-dependent modules.

37. (New) A method providing an image of software installed on a computer system, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) deconstructing the image into at least one portion
- (b) creating at least one module from the at least one portion of the image; and
- (c) formatting the at least one module for use in at least a portion of a new image.

38. (New) A computer-readable storage medium including a compute program for providing an image of software installed on a computer system, comprising instructions for:

- (a) deconstructing the image into at least one portion;
- (b) creating at least one module from the at least one portion of the image; and
- (c) formatting the at least one module for use in at least a portion of a new image.